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VIP TRAVEL

¶1. (U) Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie will visit Haiti February 9 on behalf of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. (AP)

EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN ISSUES

¶2. (SBU) Since February 8 at 2000 EST, 247 American evacuees and family members departed Port-au-Prince; a total of 15,970 have been evacuated to date. A total of 23,300 potential evacuees have been accounted for. There are 30 American evacuees at the airport. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶3. (SBU) As of 1200 EST February 9, are 77 confirmed American citizen fatalities. The number of other reported American citizen deaths stands at 28. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶4. (SBU) The remains of three positively-identified American citizens, two USG employees and one private citizen, left Port-au-Prince for Dover AFB February 8. They had been recovered from the Hotel Montana. There are still five sets of remains and one partial set in Embassy Port-au-Prince custody. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

¶5. (SBU) An updated travel warning for Haiti was issued February 9 with additional caution expressed for those considering travel to Haiti to provide humanitarian relief. (TF1/CA e-mail)

¶6. (SBU) In a February 8 press conference, Embassy Port-au-Prince emphasized American Citizen Services and Immigrant Visa sections were open to the public. Post reports a significant increase in IV applications. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

¶8. (SBU) All 16 food distribution sites opened February 9. (TF1/USAID-OFDA RMT e-mail)

¶9. (SBU) As of February 9, WFP and its partners had provided food assistance to more than two million people, including more than 1.2 million people through the 16-site distribution system. (TF1/USAID Sitrep #51)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

¶10. (SBU) SOUTHCOM is exploring options for alternative patient facilities as bed capacity reaches a maximum. An estimated 3,000-5,000 additional beds will be needed. (TF1/SOUTHCOM sitrep)

¶11. (SBU) A second JTF-Haiti convalescent facility for

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patients from the USNS Comfort was scheduled to open February 9. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶12. (SBU) SOUTHCOM began repairs February 9 on the Port-au-Prince South Pier. (TF1/ SOUTHCOM e-mail)

¶13. (SBU) The FAA is working with American Airlines to prepare for the company's planned February 19 resumption of commercial flight service to Port-au-Prince. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

¶14. (U) Haitian President Preval will appeal for additional assistance at a Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) summit February 9 in Quito. Colombian President Uribe and Venezuelan President Chavez will also attend. (Reuters)

OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

¶15. (SBU) WHA DAS Reynoso and the Charge d'Affaires at Embassy Santo Domingo met with Dominican President Fernandez February 8 to discuss additional assistance to Haiti. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

¶16. (SBU) The Canadian government has proposed building a temporary administrative complex to house various government ministries at a site in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince. (Port-au-Prince 142)

¶17. (SBU) The British Royal Fleet auxiliary ship LARGS BAY is en route to Haiti loaded with port handling equipment, vehicles for use by humanitarian agencies, as well as shelter and water purification materials. The ship is expected to arrive off Cape Haitian on February 18. (TF1/Embassy London e-mail)

¶18. (SBU) A USCG cutter received 74 Haitian migrants from the Bahamian Defense Force Vessels February 8. The Government of Haiti concurred with their repatriation on February 11 via Cape Haitian. (USCG MOTR e-mail)

¶19. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at:
http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶20. (U) Minimize considered.
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